

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 36

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 126

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 36—Relative to the centennial anniversary of flight.

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SCR 36, Knight. Centennial anniversary of flight.

This measure would recognize the centennial anniversary of flight and encourage cities, counties, and individual citizens to organize activities in celebration of a century of flight.

This measure would also encourage teachers to utilize the Dryden Educator Resource Center to stimulate young minds and encourage young people to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace.

WHEREAS, The first powered aircraft flight by the Wright brothers took place on December 17, 1903, in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The airplane has dramatically changed the course of transportation, commerce, and communication throughout California and the world; and

WHEREAS, More than 150 confirmed “first flights,” from America’s first jet plane to the modern-day space shuttle, have taken off in California from Edwards Air Force Base, which has served as the United States Air Force Flight Test Center for the aerospace industry for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of California’s contribution to advancements in aviation and aerospace over the past century is essential to promoting interest and motivating young people to pursue education in mathematics, science, engineering and aerospace technology; and

WHEREAS, The aerospace industry is a major economic and social force in the United States, employing almost 1 million people in California; and

WHEREAS, Since 1954, virtually all United States rocket propulsion technology and development was completed at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s (NASA) Dryden Flight Research Center located at Edwards Air Force Base in California; and

WHEREAS, NASA has created a national network of educator resource centers, including the Dryden Educator Resource Center in California, to distribute information about NASA programs, technologies, and discoveries; and



WHEREAS, NASA educational materials are related to mathematics, energy, physics, space flight, aeronautics, technology and utilization, and art and social science careers, and can be used to supplement regular instructional resources; and

WHEREAS, The Dryden Educator Resource Center contains a wealth of information for educators including publications, reference material, slides, audio and video cassettes, computer programs, CD-ROMs, lesson plans with activities, posters, and publications from government and nongovernment sources; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the centennial anniversary of flight and encourages cities, counties, and individual citizens to organize activities in celebration of a century of flight; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages teachers to utilize the Dryden Educator Resource Center in stimulating young minds and encouraging young people to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace industries; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

